(iv) It will be obligatory on the part of the New Entity to take prior permission from Ministry of Information & Broadcasting before effecting any alteration in the foreign shareholding pattern and the shareholding of the largest Indian shareholder indicated in clause 3(iii) above.

Display of Indecent display of Women

t2595. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the films containing the indecent display of women have been banned but such posters are still seen in the villages and towns;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether Government propose to ban such posters in the country?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) Action against display of obscene and indecent film posters is required to be taken by the State Governments and Union Administrations concerned. Such action is covered by Central and State legislations, including the Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Act, 1986.

Scientific Programmes for Children on DD Channels

2596. SHRI P.G. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to telecast scientific programmes for children on DD Metro and Doordarshan National Channel;

(b) if so, the action being taken by Government for telecasting these programmes; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) Prasar Bharati has intimated

tOriginal notice of the question was received in Hindi.

that on the National Channel, Doordarshan telecasts following programmes for children, which contain scientific information :—

1. Gyan Darshan for Secondary School level

2. Country-wide Class-room

3. Distance Education

4.Tarang

5. "Turning Point"

DD Metro telecasts children's programmes between 4.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. Scientific programmes can also be telecast on sponsorship basis in this time band depending on the interest of outside producers.

Programmes on science are also telecasts in the six hour window devoted exclusively for children's programmes on DD Bharati Channel.

(c) Does not arise.

Innovative programmes by AIR, Vishakhapatnam

2597. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Vishakhapatnam Station of All India Radio is introducing some innovative programmes to attract more artists to prepare programmes; and

(b) the details of new programmes to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI. SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Prasar Bharati has informed that the introduction of innovative programmes in AIR Stations is an ongoing process, keeping in view the requirements of listeners. AIR, Vishakhapatnam, is also introducing many innovative programmes in various genres like Music (a musical notation of Adi Shankaracharya's "Soundarya Lahari"), Drama (old classics like "Malavikaagni Mitram", "Kumarasambhavam" etc), Romantic Music (under a series called "Madhuratimadhuram"), series on evolution of Telugu literature, Folk Music etc.